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I am responding to your request for information received 1 August 2025. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing at your Trust:

Question 1: Does your Trust currently offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] blood testing? (Yes/No)
If yes, please provide the total number of Lp(a) tests requested or performed per year, for the last four financial years (2020–21 to 2023–24), broken down if possible as follows:
a. Requested by primary care
b. Requested by secondary care (hospital clinics or inpatients)

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not request or conduct Lipoprotein blood tests. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: If available, please provide the number of Lp(a) tests that returned a raised result, as defined locally (e.g. >125 nmol/L or >50 mg/dL), per year over the same period.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3: If available, please provide the number of unique patients tested for Lp(a) per year (i.e. not total test counts, but distinct individuals).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 4: If Lp(a) testing is not currently available at your Trust, do you refer these



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tests to an external laboratory or partner organisation? (Yes/No – please specify name of partner if possible)

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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